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Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2] adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,[3]

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome of 16 September 2005,[4]

Recalling its resolution 63/227 of 19 December 2008, in which it decided to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 2011 at a high level,

Recalling also its resolution 64/213 of 21 December 2009 on the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in which it decided to convene the Conference in the first half of 2011 for a duration of five days,

Welcoming the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries held in New York on 27 September 2010,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/27 of 23 July 2010 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

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for the Decade 2001-2010, in which the Council, inter alia, expressed concern that the economic and social progress made so far by the least developed countries towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, is now threatened by the continuing severe impact of multiple global crises, such as the economic and financial crises, concerns regarding food security, the energy crisis and the adverse impacts of climate change, and resolved to take appropriate policy measures at all levels, both in the short and long-term and actions in support of the policies and measures of the least developed countries to enable them to overcome the negative impacts created by those crises,

Recalling also the Cotonou Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[5] as an initiative owned and led by the least developed countries,

Recalling further the outcome document of the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[6] in which the Heads of State and Government acknowledged the significant constraints and structural impediments faced by the least developed countries and expressed grave concern that they are lagging behind in meeting internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in that context, inter alia, looked forward to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, which would further invigorate the international partnership to address the special needs of these countries,

Emphasizing that the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries should strengthen concerted global actions in support of the least developed countries,

1. *Welcomes* the 2010 report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;[7]

2. *Decides* to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries from 30 May to 3 June 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey, at the highest possible level in line with the mandate specified by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/227 in view of the critical importance of the Conference;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress being made in the preparatory process for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and notes the outcome of the Asia-Pacific regional meeting, held in Dhaka, from 18 to 20 January 2010, and the outcome of the Africa regional meeting held in Addis Ababa on 8 and 9 March 2010;

4. *Looks forward* to the ministerial preparatory meeting for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be hosted by the Government of India in New Delhi in early 2011, and to its outcome for the success of the Conference in Istanbul;

5. *Takes note* of the ministerial meeting on enhancing the mobilization of financial resources for the development of the least developed countries, which was held in Lisbon, on 2 and 3 October 2010;

[5] A/61/117, annex I.
[6] Resolution 65/1.
[7] A/65/80-E/2010/77.

6. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Group of Eminent Persons for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

7. *Also welcomes* the appointment, by the Secretary-General, of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as the Secretary-General of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

8. *Requests* the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, as the focal point for the preparations for the Conference, to ensure effective, efficient and timely preparations for the Conference and to further mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system;

9. *Urges* all development partners and other relevant stakeholders, including the Member States, the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, parliaments, civil society, non-governmental organizations, philanthropic organizations and the private sector, to continue to remain fully engaged in the preparatory process, including through organization of thematic pre-conference and parallel events, in order to ensure a successful outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries, in line with its previous resolutions in this regard;

10. *Expresses its concern* about the insufficiency of resources in the Trust Fund for the Least Developed Countries and, while expressing its appreciation to those countries that have made voluntary contributions, urges Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and other donors to contribute to the Trust Fund in a timely manner in order to support the substantive preparations for the Conference as well as to support the participation of representatives of the least developed countries in both the preparatory process and the Conference itself;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference and the United Nations-Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States to ensure the mobilization of sufficient resources to facilitate the preparatory process and the Conference, including the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make available the necessary resources to defray the cost of participation of two government representatives from each least developed country in the meetings of the preparatory committee and the Conference itself;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to take the necessary measures to intensify their public information efforts and other appropriate initiatives to enhance advocacy and public awareness in favour of the Conference, including by highlighting its objectives and its significance;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit a ten-year comprehensive report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, identifying, inter alia, lessons learned and best practices, as well as structural constraints and handicaps encountered, resource requirements, resource gaps and appropriate actions for achieving the set objectives of the Programme of Action;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-sixth session an item entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries".